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## DPW Cautions Citizens: Beware of Public Works Impostors

Baltimore City Department of Public Works Director George L. Winfield today advised citizens to beware of Public Works impostors.

The impostors pose as Baltimore City water system employees and seek to gain illegal admittance into your home. DPW has been alerted to one such incident which occurred yesterday in east Baltimore on South Belnord Avenue. Two impostors gained access to a citizen's home and robbed him. Citizens should be aware that often these individuals wear what appears to be "official looking" clothing and request to be allowed to enter your home. These individuals may state that they want to check the your water pressure and may claim that this is due to some type of "water work being done in the area."

Citizens should remember the following:

No Public Works employee will ever come to your home unless you have requested assistance and an appointment has been made. DO NOT LET A STRANGER IN YOUR HOME.

Department of Public Works employees are not authorized to enter your home without your permission.

Always ask to see a Baltimore City employee identification card which includes a photograph. Please note that these criminals may have fake identification.

Report any and all suspicious activity to the Police Department by dialing 911 immediately.

For non-emergency questions about water related work, Baltimore City residents may call 311. Outside the City please call 410-396-5352.



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